

Villiers Primary School



Nursery & Reception

Weekly Newsletter

Nursery

Welcome back. We hope you all had a restful and fun holiday with your children!

We've spent this first week in Nursery welcoming the children and settling them in. We're happy to report that the first week has been a lovely one, getting to know your children and their personalities!

Next week we will continue to get to know your children. We will concentrate on routines and how we will all work together in Nursery to make sure we are all happy. We will talk with the children to help increase their confidence and know better how your children like to learn and their interests.

In English we will read favourite, well-known stories and in Maths we will practise counting to 10 aloud. We will also see if the children can recognise their name and perhaps copy their name for us (we'll see how we go!)

In Nursery we are all committed to making sure your child is settled and happy as quickly as possible. If you feel there is anything we need to know or could do to help this process please do not hesitate to tell us. The team in Nursery are as follows – Mrs Craft (Teacher), Mrs Bahia (Key worker for Yellow group), Miss Lewis (Key worker for Blue group) and Miss Williams (Key worker for Red group). If you or your child are worried about anything at all, please let us know.

We are all here to help.

Reception

What a fantastic start to the new school year! We have settled in well and are getting used to our new routines.

We have all enjoyed staying for dinner and having all day to explore our new surroundings.

This week we have been very busy getting to know our new teachers. Unfortunately Mrs Bradburn broke her ankle over the holidays so she has not been able to come back to school - we have all been thinking about her and we made her a card on Friday to say 'Get well soon!' While she is off sick Mrs Hickman will be in her class with Mrs Norton and Mrs Matharu. Next week we are going to show our new teachers how clever we are with our Reading, Writing and Maths.

Please remember to bring in your P.E. bags as we will need them in school next week. Can you please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named, thank you.

Do not forget to practise reading your reading books and the sounds in your little tubs every day so you become super-readers.

All three classes have been given a special class teddy. If you would like to take it home for the weekend, please send a letter saying why you think the teddy would like to come to your house. (The more creative the better).

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday for another exciting week in Reception.

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Year 1 &
Year 2

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Year 1

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful holiday. Year 1 have made an excellent start back and we are getting to know our new teachers and new classrooms— they look amazing!

This week in English, we were showing off our teachers our fantastic writing skills. We told our teachers what we did over the holidays by writing them post cards. These will go on our 'Progress Walls' which you will be able to see on our parent drop in sessions.

In Maths, we have carried out an investigation based on our eye colours then we collected the data and then presented it in a pictogram.

Next week we will start our new Science Topic which is 'Humans and Other Animals'! Can you send in any non-fiction books about animals. We are going to be little scientists and do some investigations, which we are very excited about!

Please remember that we go on out trips next week to Peascroft Wood. Please send in your consent forms if you have not already done so. The days are: 1NW—Monday, 1JGR— Tuesday, 1DLH—Wednesday.

P.E. days are Monday and Wednesday. Please also remember that all children need to remove their earrings.

We wish you all a restful weekend and an looking forward to seeing you all on Monday. Do not forget to practise you're spellings and times tables!!!

Year 2

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for an exciting year ahead! All Year 2 have settled well back into school and have enjoyed working with their new classes and teachers.

This week in English we have started working on Fairy Tales and have been looking at. 'Cinderella', 'Hansel and Gretel' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. Next week, we will continue to enjoy these stories by looking in more detail at different parts of these stories. At home you could help your child by reading different Fairy Tales, in particular focusing on how these stories begin and how the characters are described - look for adjectives and other descriptive phrases.

This week in Maths we have been revising what we already know, using a range of practical resources. Next week we will be learning how to partition numbers up to 100 and understanding the value of each digit. At home you could help your child by supporting them to count and recognise number up to 100.

We have started a Topic relating to the 'Great Fire of London'. We have thought about the things we would like to find out during this time and identified where London is located on a map of the UK.

As you are aware, we have started using a new cursive hand writing font. Your child will receive a copy of these cursive letters that they can practice at home and this will really help them.

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Year 4

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Year 3

Year 3 have started the term as they finished it last year—excellent! At the end of last year in Year 2, the children were busy cramming for their KS1 SATs. This hard work has paid off as the Year 3 teachers are very impressed with the pupils' knowledge and understanding. There is a real buzz of excitement amongst the children (and teachers) and all are sure that the year will be a success.

In English the children are studying the stories of Roald Dahl. Children have been starting the day by listening to his Revolving Rhymes collection. Mr Cullen knows many of these rhymes off-by-heart so if you are keen on hearing an exciting short-story told with enthusiasm in a great 'story teller's voice' then call into 3SC!!! The children have also been adapting the work of Dahl to write new, similar stories.

In Maths the children have been using their number bonds to solve more complex problems.

In Science the children have been learning about healthy eating. Next week they will be setting food on fire to find out the amount of energy in the food.

In Topic the children have started to learn about the Stone Age. Please can you send in any Stone Age books or artefacts that would complement the children's learning. House points will be given for this.

Year 4

A BIG WELCOME BACK to Villiers from all of the Year 4 staff. Year 4 have shown true maturity as the eldest pupils in Lower Key Stage 2 and have done the school motto proud—*Work Hard. Be Kind.* In 4JLH there are 150 (yes, 150) new class members!!! If you are curious who these class members are, ask any child in Year 4 and they will tell you. If you are feeling very brave, perhaps Mrs Harris will allow you to hold one of these new members...

The whole school have started a new cursive handwriting scheme. It looks like this...

Cursive handwriting is really cool.

The children in Year 4 have been working hard to learn this style and any additional practice at home would be welcome. If you need any support or worksheet-style resources to complement this, please speak to a Year 4 teacher.

The children have also been getting to know their new class and teachers by taking part in teambuilding activities. They have written recounts of their Summer holidays and these were a real pleasure to read. They have also completed maths progress tests to help with target setting and new future learning.

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Year 5 &
Year 6

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Year 5

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break.

We have had a busy first week back and have settled back into the routine.

We have all been working hard to use our new *cursive handwriting* style, even the members of staff!

We all looked lovely dressed in our clothes from different decades to celebrate the Queen as the longest reigning British monarch on Wednesday.

In Maths we have started work on place value to numbers over one million.

In English we have started some work based upon the book 'Street Child'. Reading and comprehension is part of Year 5 targets, so can you please hear your child read regularly. Children will be given spellings to learn every Monday and be tested every Friday. Homework will be given out every Friday and is to be handed in on the following Tuesday. We do P.E. every Thursday afternoon so please ensure kit is at school and is named.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 6

Welcome back Year 6!

What a fantastic week we have had. Everyone has started school this week with the superb intention of working hard and being kind to others.

The children have enjoyed getting to know their new class members and have completed some great team building exercises to build on this further.

We have all been trying really hard with our new *cursive handwriting* style (including the staff). Some of the children have even been practising at home and bringing in their successful work.

On Wednesday, we celebrated the Queen's Reign and everyone came to school dressed in different clothes from different eras. We also created some super art work in the afternoon which will look lovely on our "British Values" displays.

This is going to be a fantastic year and we are all looking forward to it! Good luck Year 6!

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